



Proposed Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment in Support of Large-Scale MAGTF Live Fire and Maneuver Training

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**Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center
Twentynine Palms, CA**

The Project Update Notices offer a focused way to provide easily accessible, wide-spread distribution of new Project information. They augment the regular updating of key Project public documents carried on MCAGCC's Land Acquisition Study webpage.

Please see these other Project documents for an overview and key background information.

➤ **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping Period a Big Success:**

- Over 650 Project stakeholders attended three public scoping meetings held from 3-5 December 2008. Meetings were held in Twentynine Palms, Victorville and Ontario.
- Stakeholders attending the meetings submitted 96 oral comments and 443 written comments – as well as a petition signed by 3,332 people.
- During the EIS public scoping period, 30 October 2008 to 31 January 2009, and the Bureau of Land Management's 90-day public comment period from 15 September to 15 December 2008, stakeholders submitted approximately 9,600 comments on the project and its scoping alternatives.
- Key stakeholder groups commenting included Off-Highway Vehicle and recreation enthusiasts, environmental groups, property, mine and business owners, energy developers and military.
- Key issues identified include land use and recreation, socioeconomics, biological and cultural resources, mining and mineral extraction, noise, utilities and infrastructure, visual and aesthetic resources, and air quality.

➤ **Stakeholder Comments being Assessed:**

- The Department of the Navy (DoN) is evaluating stakeholder comments to refine the Project's alternatives for study in the EIS, as well as any modifications to the DoN's public land segregation request.

➤ **Near Term Significant Milestones:**

- Scoping Report Summary – April 2009
- Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives (DOPAA) – June 2009
- Draft EIS – August 2010
- Public Comment on Draft EIS – Summer/Fall 2010

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